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SUBJECT: CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION

REF: A) PEKING 915

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1. PARAS 6 AND 7 REF A REPORTED THAT HSIAO SAID HE FELT SURE "EXPERTS AND RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS" WOULD NOT AGREE TO THREE WEEKS' EXTENSION.

2. PARA 2 REF B INSTRUCTED USLO INFORM HSIAO THAT WE UNDERSTAND PRC'S CONCERN FOR DETERIORATION OF THE OBJECTS AND TO EXPRESS OUR REGRET THAT QUITE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF AMERICANS WOULD BE DEPRIVED OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THE ARCHEOLOGICAL SHOW WERE ITS STAY NOT EXTENDED THREE WEEKS.

3. REFTTEL B FURTHER AUTHORIZED USLO TO ASK HSIAO, IF THE OCCASION AROSE, WHAT RESPONSE HSIAO HAD IN FACT OBTAINED FROM THE EXPERTS AND RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS TO YOUR INITIAL REQUEST, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, FOR A THREE WEEK EXTENSION.

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4. IT SEEMS QUITE PROBABLE TO DEPARTMENT THAT HSIAO WILL

NOT RAISE THIS QUESTION WITH HIS SUPERIORS UNLESS PRESSED TO DO SO. INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REF C PROVIDE YOU THE BASIS NECESSARY TO GET HSIAO TO RAISE THE THREE WEEK EXTENSION WITH HIS SUPERIORS AND OBTAIN AN AUTHORITATIVE RESPONSE.

5. DEPARTMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OBTAINING THIS THREE WEEK EXTENSION AND WISHES THIS TO BE EMPHASIZED TO PRC.

6. ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS THAT USLO SHOULD EXECUTE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED PARA 3 REFTEL C.

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